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" (*b*) Gaugings of the river to assess the supply available have been ordered by the Chief Engineer; the question of preparing estimates will be considered after the results of investigation become available.

" (*c*) Does not arise in view of answer to clause (*b*)."

SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI :—" Since the people of that locality have come forward to contribute a major portion of the funds necessary for constructing this, will the Government expedite the investigation? "

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" I have already stated that the Chief Engineer has ordered the investigation. About the supply position, without water nothing can be done even if the entire cost is met by the people."

Death of fishes in the Bhavani river.

* 1394 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) the reason for the recently reported death of fishes in the Bhavani River; and

(*b*) preventive steps taken in the matter?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) The investigations conducted by the Fisheries Department have revealed that the death of fish in Bhavani River was not due to either epidemic or parasites or limnobiological disturbances. Since the colonists and estate labourers of the locality are often poisoning certain pools in the upper reaches of the Bhavani by bark and dynamites it appears that the recent death of fish in large numbers might be due to poisoning of waters by such human agencies.

" (*b*) The staff of the Fisheries Department has been instructed by the Director of Industries and Commerce to have closer supervision for enforcing strict conservancy measures against such poisoning."

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—" பவானி ஆற்றில் இறந்துபோன மீன்களால் ஏற்பட்ட நஷ்டம் எவ்வளவு ? ஆண்டுதோறும் மீன் இலாகாவில் நஷ்டமேற்பட்டுக்கொண்டு வருவதால், வருங் காலத்தில அவ்விதம் ஏற்படாமல் இருப்பதற்காக அரசாங்கம் தக்க நடவடிக்கை எடுத்துக்கொள்வார்களா ? " 9 a.m.

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" அந்த நதியிலே இறந்துபோன மீன்களின் விலை மதிப்பிடப்படவில்லை. ஆனால் இம் மாதிரியாக நடைபெறாமல் இருப்பதற்காக என்னென்ன நடவடிக்கைகள் எடுத்துக்கொள்ளப்பட்டு வருகின்றது என்று இப்போது நான் சொன்னேன்."

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Sri B. K. NALLASWAMI :—" May I inform the Hon. Minister for Fisheries that it is due to the throwing of contraband dynamites that such things are occurring? Will the Government order some vigilance staff to look into the matter?"

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Yes, Sir. I have already answered that the offices of the Fisheries Department have been asked to be more vigilant in the matter."

Deputation of Gazetted Officers to Pondicherry State.

* 1395 *Q.*—Sri A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Union Government requested the Madras Government to loan officers of Gazetted rank belonging to the Revenue, Public Works and Police Departments for service in the State of Pondicherry;

(*b*) if so, whether any officers were selected and their designation in the Madras State;

(*c*) whether any of the officers were promoted from Deputy Collectors to Collectors before they were sent and, if so, their names and service and the particular community to which they belong; and

(*d*) why Deputy Collectors belonging to the Scheduled Castes have not been taken?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) The following gazetted officers of this State have been selected and deputed to serve under the Pondicherry Government :—

Revenue Department.

Sri A. V. Loganatha Mudaliar, Deputy Collector.

,, S. A. Sundararajan, Deputy Collector.

Public Works Department.

Sri T. S. Rajam, Assistant Engineer, Public Works Department.

,, N. Kumaraswamy, Assistant Engineer, Public Works Department.

,, P. K. Narayana Rao, Divisional Electrical Engineer.

,, K. V. Balasubramanian, Assistant Engineer (Electrical).

,, D. Ambrose, Assistant Engineer (Electrical).

Police Department.

Sri M. Balakrishna Menon, I.P., District Superintendent of Police.

,, A. Krishnaswamy, Deputy Superintendent of Police.

,, S. Palaniappan, Officiating Deputy Superintendent of Police.